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ABSORBENT ARTICLES WITH NITS AND FREE-FLOWING PARTICLES

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Enclosed are:

- Seventy-six (76) pages of specification, one (1) cover page, nine (9) pages of claims (Claims 1-59), one (1) page of Abstract, and fifteen (15) sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6A-6C and 7-17).
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